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BALANCES AND RESERVES POLICY

As at September 2025

It is necessary for the Council to responsibly manage its funds and to consider how to treat any surplus funds at the end of the financial year. In order to do this, the Council will aim to establish:

- **General Fund** This is the 'working balance' required during the year for day-to-day expenditure. A slight surplus in this fund will help to cover uneven cash flows and avoid temporary borrowing in the event of, say, late arrival of precept;
- **Contingency Fund** This is the amount held in reserve to help the council cope with any unexpected events or emergencies; and
- **Earmarked Fund** This is the amount that will grow over time to meet the costs of specific planned projects. There may be more than one Earmarked Reserve and there may be a restricted, ring-fenced reserve which can only be used for a certain purpose.

Amounts

The amounts held in the funds will be reviewed at least annually and ratified by the full council at a properly convened meeting.

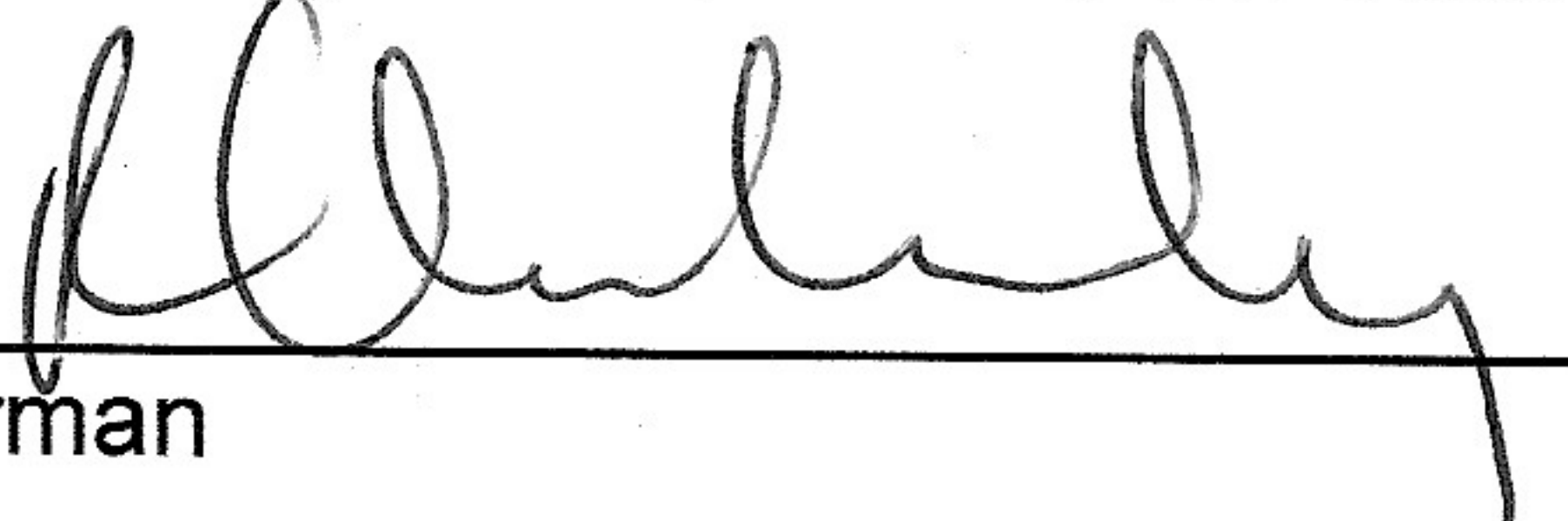
General Fund: between three- and twelve-months' gross expenditure. This would range between £21,875 and £87,500 and as at September 2025 is set at £58,334.

Contingency Fund: as at September 2025 it is £12,000.

Earmarked Funds: currently stands at £72,000 made up as follows:

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- Bus shelter refurbishment	5,000
- Office redecoration	1,000
- Bittel Road playing field car park resurface	10,000
- Birmingham CC footpath in Lickey Hills	4,000
- Contested election costs	2,000
- Retarmac Community Car Park	33,000
- Street furniture/Lamppost replacement	15,000
- Structural Survey of Lampposts	2,000

Approved by Barnt Green Parish Council at the Parish Council Meeting 20 October 2025


Chairman

Date 20/10/2025

Review date: October 2026